(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) to (e) The Chairman and some members of the 'Committee for allocation of Access {Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM)/Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA)} Spectrum and Pricing' visited United Kingdom (UK) and France to share the experience of the Regulators, who might have dealt with similar issues. The visit was as per need only and was not specific to any technology (GSM or CDMA). Therefore, the question does not arise to favour any GSM/CDMA operators.

BSNL and MTNL connections

2320. SHRIMATI KUSUM RAI:
SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of BSNL and MTNL connections are decreasing day by day;

(b) the details of BSNL and MTNL connections during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether the main reasons for decrease in connection is poor connectivity and poor service; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor when Government has very rich infrastructure than any other private service providers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Circle-wise telephone connections of BSNL and MTNL during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise upto October 2009 is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Statement

Circle-wise telephone connections of BSNL and MTNL during the last three years and upto Oct. 2009

Sl. No.	Name of Circle	BSNL telephone connections as on			
		31.03.2007	31.03.2008	31.03.2009	31.10.2009
1	2	3	4	5	6
	BSNL				
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	75,706	82,702	99,037	117,029

1	2	3	4	5	6
2.	Andhra Pradesh	4,777,998	4,930,309	5,657,526	6,249,033
3.	Assam	1,167,112	1,348,990	1,324,128,	1,400,011
4.	Bihar	1,900,455	2,235,990	3,148,722	3,292,383
5.	Chhattisgarh	743,178	959,637	1,157,157	1,198,156
6.	Gujarat	3,599,096	4,379,402	4,574,565	4,756,655
7.	Haryana	2,057,653	2,260,206	2,580,484	3,064,409
8.	Himachal Pradesh	1,011,551	1,050,291	1,267,336	1,518,556
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	1,158,561	1,181,566	1,170,478	1,191,900
10.	Jharkhand	1,020,487	1,086,690	1,260,723	1,367,872
11.	Karnataka	4,452,835	4,400,013	4,946,904	5,400,826
12.	Kerala	5,978,235	6,255,762	6,554,016	7,094,158
13.	Madhya Pradesh	2,419,376	2,863,189	3,317,684	3,443,572
14.	Maharashtra	6,420,325	7,062,222	7,086,925	7,154,282
15.	North East-I	420,878	527,869	569,530	610,990
16.	North East-II	420,114	524,386	535,179	599,412
17.	Orissa	1,662,037	1,943,240	2,250,870	2,655,359
18.	Punjab	2,812,902	3,445,026	4,241,213	4,630,681
19.	Rajasthan	3,937,727	4,102,948	4,721,530	5,014,383
20.	Tamil Nadu	4,995,280	5,144,949	5,572,185	6,161,106
21.	Uttaranchal	890,727	1,010,049	1,120,078	1,230,021
22.	Uttar Pradesh (E)	4,561,341	6,028,043	7,475,431	8,354,216
23.	Uttar Pradesh (W)	1,994,787	2,474,761	2,843,094	3,043,474
24.	West Bengal	2,384,005	2,620,872	2,960,002	2,968,104
25.	Kolkata	2,028,351	2,427,517	2,948,318	3,044,333
26.	Chennai	1,832,808	1,992,439	2,137,550	2,198,684
	TOTAL	64,723,525	72,339,068	81,490,665	87,759,605
	MTNL				
1.	Delhi	2998825	3181453	3855914	3682720
2.	Mumbai	3667120	4028385	4469804	4515020
	TOTAL	6665945	7209838	8055718	8197740